

Humorous.

Clara—"I saw some funny looking mugs in a window on Fifth avenue the other day." Cora—"What club was it?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Grace—"But what do you mean by saying Mr. Dashaway is such a ladylike man, dear?" Flo—"He can't raise a mustache."—World's Comic.

Mrs. Hoyle—"So, your servant lighted the fire with kerosene and suffered the consequences?" Mrs. Doyle—"Yes, the mean thing. It wasn't her day out."—Town Topics.

First Jurymen—"What did you think when the judge committed Dobson to prison for contempt of court?" Second Jurymen—"I was glad he wasn't a mind reader."—Green Bag.

"No, said the positive girl, 'I will never tie myself down to one man'." "Perhaps," he replied, sarcastically, "if I organize a syndicate you will consider our offer."—Philadelphia North American.

"I see that they are going to play golf on Sunday in Chicago." "Well?" "It doesn't seem quite right to give up Sunday to ordinary sports." "Why, bless your heart, golf isn't a sport."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Hicks—"It is hardly possible that a marriage should come out of it between two such persons." Wicks—"I don't know. He is a regular sick, and she has got enough brimstone in her to make a match."—Boston Transcript.

"When do they call the microbes that breed diseases, John?" "Please, sir, germs." "Correct—and what do they call the people who know how to handle germs in a scientific way?" "Please, sir, Germans."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

First Girl—"I was in front last night, dear, to see you play Juliet." Second Girl—"Yes, I know you were; but you needn't have talked so loud all through my best scenes." First Girl—"Oh, but you must be mistaken, dear; it couldn't possibly have been I. I never talk in my sleep."—Punch.

The following is a Dakota paper's account of a cyclone: "A southeasterly wind hurled tumble weeds and Russian thistles through the air at a fifty mile gait and the gate went too. Many stoves were drawn out of the chimneys; the strong wind blew down the neck of a bottle and tore the bottom out. Nebraska wagon tracks passed through the town by thousands. The strain on the wire fences were so great that staples were drawn out on the north side of the posts. A kerosene barrel standing in front of a grocery store was sucked out of the bungalow and turned inside out like a lady's slipper. The dirt flew from a post hole on a hillside and left the hole sticking out about two feet, with, no dirt around it. Old cellars tumbled and rolled up against the hill and will be a total loss to their owners unless they can be cut up and sold for post holes. Everything was more or less shaken up."

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Senator Matt Quay is 65 years old and has held and resigned every office in Pennsylvania, except that of Governor and U. S. Senator. He is a past master in politics and bossism having learned it from Simon Cameron. He is now on trial for what is more dear to him than life, political prestige. It is a fight to the death between he and Wannamaker and as it is all in the family it makes no diff. because

"Willie runs the White House. Vice P. runs the bar, Wannie runs the Sunday School; And d—m, it here we are."

A nice kettle of fish from any point of view.

Grant C. Gillett, the big Kansas cattle feeder, is missing. His paper is scattered from Frisco to New York. He left 10,000 cattle in a feed lot on which there is a mortgage of \$208,000 and he had 6,500 in another bunch on full feed and they also carry a heavy mortgage. It is thought that his cattle will considerably more than pay his indebtedness. It is strange that man will let his ambition lead him into trouble. Every cattle king, corn king, cotton king and wheat king that this country has produced, has gone down to ruin.

"All kinds of strange tales are coming from the U. S. soldier boys at Porto Rico. They are charging the officers with starving them and with having them pegged to the ground in the mud and water for the slightest infractions of the rules. 'A humane war.' It seems that the only thing that separates American officer from the American Indian of thirty years ago is, the Indian staked his victim and then built a slow fire on his stomach, while the officer omits the fire.

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STATE ELECTION RETURNS.

Secretary Lesueur Announces the Official Figures for a Few Offices.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 28.—Secretary of State Lesueur has announced the following official returns of the last election:

For Judge of the Supreme Court, long term—Marshall, 285,770; Finckenburg, 255,424; Vorie, 9937; Robinson, 2933; Sanderson, 1645; Costenborder, 1056; scattering, 54; Marshall's plurality, 30,372.

For Judge of the Supreme Court, short term—Valliant, 288,136; Higbee, 253,178; Livingston, 9752; Orr, 2571; Hoehn, 1631; Cunningham, 1034; scattering, 65; Valliant's plurality, 34,958.

For Superintendent of Public Schools—Carrington, 287,213; Kirk, 254,233; Brown, 9633; Bond, 2812; Rendall, 1646; Kanchar, 1021; Carrington's plurality, 32,950.

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—McCully, 287,002; Hathaway, 254,495; Hillis, 9685; Williams, 2823; Storz, 1640; Andrews, 1059; scattering, 53; McCully's plurality, 32,507.

New York society has picked up the gauntlet and is making it hot for the investigating committee. Society asks this question and it is a pertinent one. "Incompetency is not the only reason for soldiers complaint. See the books. Yours is the duty to fix the responsibility. Who got the difference between rations issued and the rations received?" Pointed questions, and charging rottenness. Will the witnesses and commission dare give honest answers? The people know, and the commission and its bulldozed witnesses cannot hide it from the people. "Humane" in the name of God where did the humanity come in?

Good. Good, good for morality, good for the sports who put up their money, good for the toughs who got it in the neck. Harry Beecher, sporting editor for the New York Journal foretold the result of the Corbett-Sharkey fight the night before it came off. And in doing so he said: "It is a put up job to give the fight to Sharkey on a foul in the ninth round. I now make this prediction before witnesses." If true then McVey Corbett's man sold out. But that is neither here nor there. The U. S. people have connivance fits over a Mexican or Spanish bull fight, where an armed biped of the human species fights a bovine that has only nature's arms and talk about "Humane" acts. Which is the most reprehensible of the two? Answer the question and you will solve the problem.

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Camp Wetherill.

Arriving at the new camp last Monday noon, I found it situated in an old cotton field on the outskirts of town and twenty miles from the foot of the mountains.

The boys were grumbling and kicking to beat the band for they were still on traveling rations and no pay for last month, consequently there has been more "mooching"—foraging done this week by the 4th Mo. than ever. Turkeys, chickens, ducks, sweet potatoes and persimmons constitute our side dishes and our "mess" of eight has the reputation of being the best rustlers. We are very well pleased with our winter quarters though they are not quite complete, mess halls for each company are being built, the cook sheds are finished and the camp is beginning to assume a comfortable and almost cheerful look.

Discipline has slackened several degrees and drilling has not yet begun, still, notwithstanding all privileges and decrease in actual duty, there is more discontent among the men than at any time before.

The prospect of going to Cuba is never discussed and the mere mention of garrison duty brings a shower of epithets upon the speaker.

There are two distinct camps here, in all about 7000 men, the remainder of the corps is scattered over this state and Georgia with headquarters at Augusta.

Warm days and cold nights with rain last week; the air is pure and in vigorating. To make quarters comfortable for the winter three tents are joined, two bunks or cots are made in the end tents, which we call pullman's and the center or drawing room has a hole cut in the floor for stoves, which are now at the Commissary. We use small oil stoves for private cooking purposes also for heating dish water etc. Hydrants giving a good flow of excellent water are placed conveniently near the kitchen of each Co. The Y. M. C. A. tent has followed us and will soon be ready for the soldiers, so take it all in all, Camp Wetherill is not a bad place to spend the season. Its name has two origins, first, after a brave young officer who was killed at Santiago, then the boys think it an appropriate name for reason of the hard rains they had to contend with the first few days here. Some of them substitute "he" for "I." The town and country near is typically Southern, the chief products being cotton and niggers; the colored people are very polite and give little trouble in this section of the state, but there have been several important murders among the whites the past few days. Regimental picket duty is dispensed with, but a heavy provo guard patrols the streets of the near by town.

The only information I can get in regard to Jackson is that he was sent to a Lancaster hospital, he will probably be home on a furlough.

ROBT. CRANSTON.
Co. F, 4th Missouri, Greenville, S. D.

The real object of pledging the United States not to annex Cuba was to give Cuba an interval in which to issue bonds which would go to par when Cuba was ultimately annexed. This was the scheme: The United States pledges itself to let Cuba establish its own government; a war to free Cuba from Spain; a large bond issue by the Cuban government; sale of bonds at a low price, and a free distribution of the bonds among Congressmen, and the "bond ring" politicians. Finally, in a year or two it will be discovered by these bondholders that the Cubans are incapable of self government, when the United States will annex Cuba and pay the worthless bond. There are millions in sight for the rotten Administration and Radical Congressmen.—Benton, La., Banner.

An Iowa farmer of near Webster City ought to be credited with being the meanest man on earth. He kept his wife on a straight corn diet for ten years and during that time would not permit her to leave the farm and to cap the climax he tried to kill her Saturday night. Nicholas Casey is his name and he is wealthy. If that had occurred in Missouri his neighbors would have attended his funeral and there would have been a wealthy widow.

Uncle Sam launched another battleship Saturday morning at San Francisco. Miss Elizabeth Stephenson christened it. The Wisconsin is the largest battleship built for the United States by the Union Iron Works. Little Miss Lucile Gage, daughter of the Governor-elect knocked the last chock out of that sent the beautiful vessel into the waves.

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The eastern society belles have concluded that "Society does not need more sleep and that social functions ought to end at midnight."

G. P. Muld took in the Gem City Saturday.